

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A platform for a truck, comprising:
 - 2 a frame including a plurality of elongated receivers extending longitudinally in a
 - 3 direction other than a generally vertical direction; and
 - 4 a sheet of material overlying the frame.
- 1 2. The platform of claim 1, wherein the platform comprises at least a portion of a
2 chassis of the truck.
- 1 3. The platform of claim 1, wherein the platform is adapted to be added to a chassis
2 of the truck.
- 1 4. The platform of claim 1, further comprising at least one accessory selectively
2 supported in at least one of the plurality of receivers, the accessory comprising
3 one or more of: a ladder rack, an electrician's reel, a barbecue accessory, a tool
4 supporting table, a winch, a hunting accessory, a fishing accessory, a bike rack, a
5 ski rack, a ramp, a width extension, and a length extension.
- 1 5. The platform of claim 1, wherein:
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 - 3 at least one of the plurality of receivers is disposed transversely to a for and aft
4 direction; and
 - 5 the at least one accessory is supported in the at least one receiver and extends
6 transversely out of a side of the platform.

- 1 6. The platform of claim 1, wherein the frame further includes a plurality of
- 2 elongated receivers extending longitudinally in the generally horizontal direction.
- 1 7. The platform of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the frame and the receivers
- 2 comprises a polymeric material.
- 1 8. The platform of claim 1, further comprising at least one of a width extension
- 2 configured to extend a width of the platform and a length extension configured to
- 3 extend a length of the platform, wherein the at least one of the width extension
- 4 and the length extension is selectively supported by the receivers.
- 1 9. A reconfigurable truck bed, comprising:
 - 2 at least one receiver in the bed;
 - 3 at least one accessory selectively supported in the receiver, wherein the accessory
 - 4 comprises a combination width extension and side wall for the truck bed; and
 - 5 the accessory configured to be supported horizontally and increase a width of the
 - 6 truck bed in one deployed position, and to be supported vertically and provide the side
 - 7 wall for the truck bed in another deployed position.
- 1 10. The reconfigurable truck bed of claim 9 further comprising a length extension,
- 2 wherein at least one of the width extension and the length extension is also a ramp
- 3 having inserts at one end configured to be supported on the truck bed while
- 4 another end rests on the ground.

- 1 11. The reconfigurable truck bed of claim 9, further comprising:
 - 2 a generally horizontally disposed platform including a platform frame covered by
 - 3 sheet material; and
 - 4 a plurality of receivers including the at least one receiver, wherein at least some of
 - 5 the receivers extend at least partially through the platform.

- 1 12. The reconfigurable truck bed of claim 11, wherein the plurality of receivers
2 comprises a plurality of horizontal receivers and a plurality of vertical receivers.

- 1 13. The reconfigurable truck bed of claim 11, wherein the plurality of receivers
2 comprise tubular sockets having tube ends forming receiver openings through the
3 truck bed.

- 1 14. The reconfigurable truck bed of claim 13, further comprising a plurality of
2 accessories including the at least one accessory, wherein the plurality of
3 accessories also includes one or more of a holder rack, a table for supporting
4 tools, an electricians reel, a barbecue, a winch, a hunting accessory, a fishing
5 accessory, a bike rack, and a ski rack.

- 1 15. A motor vehicle comprising:
 - 2 a vehicle body;
 - 3 structure forming at least one body receiver in the body and extending
 - 4 longitudinally in a direction other than a generally vertical direction;
 - 5 at least one accessory selectively received in the at least one receiver.

1 16. The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the accessory comprises one or more of: a
2 ladder rack, an electrician's reel, a barbecue accessory, a tool supporting table, a
3 winch, a hunting accessory, a fishing accessory, a bike rack, a ski rack, a ramp, a
4 width extension, and a length extension.

1 17. The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:
2 the structure forming at least one body receiver comprises a socket formed
3 by an opening disposed in the body;
4 the accessory includes an insert connected to the accessory and selectively
5 located in the socket in a deployed state supporting the accessory on the body.

1 18. The motor vehicle of claim 17, wherein:
2 the structure provides the socket as a lengthwise horizontal socket; and
3 the insert comprises a shaft having a longitudinal axis disposed
4 horizontally when the insert is in the deployed state.

1 19. The motor vehicle of claim 18, wherein:
2 the body receiver is a first body receiver;
3 the motor vehicle further comprising a plurality of body receivers
4 including said first body receiver.

1 20. The motor vehicle of claim 19, wherein:

2 the plurality of body receivers comprises at least one lengthwise vertical

3 socket; and

4 the insert is selectively received in the lengthwise vertical socket with the

5 longitudinal axis of the insert disposed vertically when the insert is in the

6 deployed state.

1 21. The motor vehicle of claim 20, wherein the plurality of body receivers comprises

2 a plurality of lengthwise horizontal sockets.

1 22. The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:

2 the accessory comprises a combination width extension and side wall for a bed of

3 a truck; and

4 the accessory is configured to be supported horizontally and to increase a width of

5 the bed of the truck in one deployed position and to be supported vertically and to provide

6 the side wall for the bed of the truck in another deployed position.

1 23. The motor vehicle of claim 23, wherein the combination width extension and side

2 wall forms a widened flatbed for the truck when supported in the socket.

1 24. The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:

2 the accessory comprises a combination length extension and end wall for a bed of

3 a truck; and

4 the accessory is configured to be supported horizontally and to extend a length of

5 the bed of the truck in one deployed position and to be supported vertically and to provide

6 the end wall for the bed of the truck in another deployed position.

- 1 25. The motor vehicle of claim 25, wherein the combination length extension and end
- 2 wall forms a lengthened bed for the truck when supported in the socket.

- 1 26. The motor vehicle of claim 17, wherein the plurality of body receivers is formed
- 2 integrally with the body of the vehicle.

- 1 27. The motor vehicle of claim 17, wherein the plurality of body receivers is added to
- 2 the body of the vehicle.

- 1 28. The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the vehicle includes a plurality of
- 2 accessories including the at least one accessory.

- 1 29. The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:
 - 2 the structure provides the socket as a lengthwise socket that is oriented at an angle
 - 3 other than horizontal; and
 - 4 the insert comprises a shaft having a longitudinal axis disposed at an angle other
 - 5 than horizontal when the insert is in the deployed state.

- 1 30. The motor vehicle of claim 15, further comprising:
 - 2 a hole in a wall of the socket;
 - 3 a hole in the insert; and
 - 4 a pin engaged through the hole in the wall of the socket and through the hole in
 - 5 the insert to hold the insert in the socket against inadvertent separation therefrom.